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EXPORT OF LEATHER GOODS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the export of leather goods by India to various countries particularly to USA have declined tremendously during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to help the Indian footwear and leather goods industry to boost export in global market?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI S.B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) & (b) India`s export of leather goods and exports to USA during the last three years are as under:

(exports in Million US$)

	Total Exports	Exports to USA
2000-2001	440.37	107.71
2001-2002	407.16	90.86
2002-2003	412.97	84.79

Total export of leather goods registered a marginal growth of 1.43% in 2002-2003. However, there is a decline of 6.68% in so far as USA is concerned during 2002-2003 over the previous year. This performance in respect of leather goods is due mainly to general slow business phenomenon across the global markets.

(c) Government of India is providing financial support to exporters for participation in international fairs & buyer-seller meets. Potential Indian companies are also supported to strengthen their market network by establishing warehousing and showroom facilities in the focus countries like the USA and select European countries. It is also supporting the Indian exporters to establish Design Studios in their Production Units to enhance their design development capabilities to boost export in global market.